

REMARKS

Claims 1-24 are pending in this application. Claims 1-13 and 15-24 have been rejected. Claim 14 has been objected to. Reexamination and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-13 and 15-24 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Massie, U.S. Publication No. US2003/0023908. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicant respectfully notes that the earliest filing date relied upon by Massie is March 21, 2001, the filing date of an application from which Massie claims priority. Applicant hereby declares that the invention of the present application was completed before March 21, 2001. In support thereof, Applicant includes with this reply a Declaration Under 37 CFR 1.131. Accordingly, because the invention of the present application was completed before the earliest filing date relied upon by Massie, Massie cannot be prior art to the present application. Withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 1-13 and 15-24 is, therefore, respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's recognition of allowable subject matter in Claim 14.

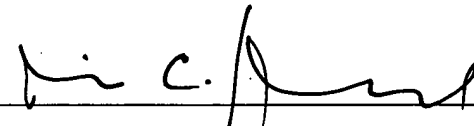
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0872. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 50-0872. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0872.

Respectfully submitted,

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